

People of African Descent Week



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Organizers

PAD Week is a joint initiative of the European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI), Transatlantic Minority Political Leadership Conference (TMPLC), Each One Teach One (EOTO), and the European Network Against Racism (ENAR).

The European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI)

ARDI is a cross-party coalition of members of the European Parliament working together to promote racial equality, counter racism, and educate about non-discrimination in the work of the European Parliament. ARDI is at the centre of parliamentary work for racial equality, and against all discrimination based on racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, and nationality. The Intergroup also looks at discrimination based on these grounds together with gender and age.

Transatlantic Minority Political Leadership Conference (TMPLC)

Founded in 2010, the Transatlantic Minority Political Leadership Conference (TMPLC) aims to support a network of diverse elected officials, address the underrepresentation of diverse populations in policymaking, and advance inclusive and equitable policies in the United States and Europe.

Each One Teach One

EOTO is a community-based education and empowerment project in Berlin. In March 2014, EOTO opened its doors as a neighborhood library and since then has been a place of learning and engagement. EOTO's areas of engagement include literature & culture, youth & empowerment and leadership & advocacy.

EOTO presents literature of people of African descent. The library includes works by authors from Germany, the African continent and diaspora and includes over 5000 books on Black History and the Black presence within and outside Germany.

The European Network Against Racism (ENAR)

ENAR is the only pan-European network of anti-racist organizations working to combat racism in the European Union. ENAR advocates for improved legislation, policy and practice against racism in EU member states. With over 150 civil society member organizations across European states, ENAR seeks to build a broad and powerful coalition of actors committed to an anti-racist vision of European society.

Honorary Hosts

MEP Cecile Kyenge (Italy)



MEP Malin Bjork (Sweden) MEP Claude Moraes (UK) MEP Jean Lambert (UK)



MEP Hilde Vautmans (Belgium)

MEP Soraya Post (Sweden)



Congressman Alcee L. Hastings Congressman Gregory Meeks Congresswoman Gwen S. Moore



Schedule overview – Day 2, May 14

At-a-glance overview of the PAD Week workshops, working sessions and events for May 13-17, 2018.

Monday, May 14, 2018

Event	Description	Time	Location
Hearing People of African Descent in Europe: Recognition and Rights	A public hearing recognizing contributions People of African Descent have made to Europe from military service to the economy, and addressing strategies EU institutions, Member States, civil society, and the private sector can engage in to ensure the full participation and equal treatment of African descent populations in Europe amidst increasing racial prejudice and discrimination (i.e., anti-Black racism; Afrophobia).	16:00-18:00 Meet at European Parliament Accreditation Centre by 15:25 Proceed directly to the room if inside EP already or have EP access	European Parliament ASP3G2
Reception People of African Descent Week (PAD) Launch	Public reception celebrating the contributions of People of African Descent in Europe with entertainment	18:00-20:00 Meet at European Parliament Accreditation Centre by 17:40. Proceed directly to the room if inside EP already or have EP access	European Parliament: Members Restaurant

Schedule overview - Day 3, May 15

At-a-glance overview of the PAD Week workshops, working sessions and events for May 13-17, 2018.

Tuesday, May 15

Event	Title	Time	Location
Roundtable Black Lives Europe	The Roundtable will focus on People of African Descent and criminal justice systems across Europe. African descendants are disproportionately victims of hate crimes, profiling, and other discriminatory treatment by law enforcement. Inequities also exist in judicial systems. Experts and participants will discuss hate crimes and profiling data collection, and ensuring European justice systems adequately protect and serve People of African Descent.	09:00-11:00 Meet at European Parliament Accreditation Centre by 08:30 Proceed directly to the room if inside EP already or have EP access	European Parliament ASP3H1
Roundtable Educating Europe - Modernizing Europe's Race Consciousness	This Roundtable will explore People of African Descent in the European consciousness and decision-making (e.g., education systems, memory institutions). Participants will discuss how African Descendants can be more accurately portrayed and recognized in European systems of education, knowledge production, museums and other heritage institutions, including recognizing positive contributions, and histories of colonialism, enslavement, and redress.	15:30-17:30 Meet at European Parliament Accreditation Centre by 15:00 Proceed directly to the room if inside EP already or have EP access	European Parliament PHS1C051
Reception/Forum Inclusive Digital Policy	Public discussion on inclusive digital policy followed by a reception.	18:00	Google EU, Chaussée d'Etterbeek 180, 1040 Brussels

Schedule overview - Day 4, May 16

At-a-glance overview of the PAD Week workshops, working sessions and events for May 13-17, 2018.

Wednesday, May 16			
Event	Title	Time	Location
Roundtable Destination Europe	Experts predict Europe will increasingly need to rely on a diverse workforce, yet current narratives and policies on African migration in particular are often negative and a deterrent to migration. This panel will explore the experiences of African migrants and refugees at the borders and in their host countries, including issues of profiling, detention, deportation, disparities in processing, asylum, work visas, citizenship and other status, and integration (e.g., education, employment, social services). The potential impact of current and planned migration schemes for Europe including the Marshall Plan for Africa will also be discussed.	09:00-11:00 Meet at European Parliament Accreditation Centre by 08:30 Proceed directly to the room if inside EP already or have EP access	European Parliament PHS1C051
Lunch	On own	11:30-13:00	
Forum Towards an EU Framework Strategy for the Inclusion of People of African Descent	This open forum will explore how the EU can foster inclusion by implementing a holistic response to racism, discrimination, and inequality experienced by People of African Descent in Europe as a concluding discussion of the week's activities.	16:00-18:00 Meet at European Parliament Accreditation Centre by 15:30 Proceed directly to the room if inside EP already or have EP access	European Parliament ASP3H1
Reception People of African Descent (PAD) Week Closing	Closing reception open to all delegates, participants, and the public.	TBD	TBD
Film screening Slavery Routes (2018) with <i>Daniel Cattier, Juan Gelas & Fanny Glissant</i> Q&A by <i>Dorrie Wilson</i> .	Episode 3 & 4 and discussion with filmmaker Daniel Cattier. This new series presents a global view of the history of the slave trade from the 7th Century to the present day. From the 7th century, and for more than 1,200 years, Africa was the epicentre of a gigantic trade in human beings that stretched across the globe. In all, more than 20 million Africans were deported, sold and reduced to slavery. The film addresses the fundamental question: How did Africa find itself at the heart of the slave routes?	20:00	BOZAR, Rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels

Monday, May 14

European Parliament Hearing: People of African Descent in Europe – Rights and Recognition -

Location: ASP3G2, 16:00-18:00

A public hearing recognizing contributions People of African Descent have made to Europe from military service to the economy, and addressing strategies EU institutions, Member States, civil society, and the private sector can engage in to ensure the full participation and equal treatment of African descent populations in Europe amidst increasing racial prejudice and discrimination (i.e., anti-Black racism; Afrophobia).

Master of Ceremonies: Jeff Johnson

Chairs/Rapporteurs:

- MEP Cecile Kyenge, S&D (Italy)
- MEP Malin Bjork, GUE/NGL (Sweden)
- Dr. Mischa Thompson - Honorary Hosts Reps. Alcee L. Hastings, Gregory Meeks, Gwen Moore (US)

Panel 1:

- Irena Moozova, Director for Equality and Union Citizenship, Directorate-General for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, European Commission
- Henri Nickels, Head of Sector Equality, EU Fundamental Rights Agency
- Jordi Vaquer, Director, Open Society Initiative For Europe
- Simon Woolley, Chair, UK Race Disparity Audit Advisory Group; Operation Black Vote (UK)

Panel 2:

- MP Karamba Diaby (Germany)
- MP Momodou Jallow (Sweden)
- Councillor Tracy Bibo-Tansia (Belgium)
- Maurice M. Owens, Libra Group; Former Advisor President Obama White House Chief of Staff (US)

Panel 3:

- Karen Kaneza, Board Member, European Network Against Racism (Belgium)
- Hedwig Bvumburah, Director, Cross Culture International Foundation (Malta)
- Daniel Gyamerah, Founder, Each One Teach One (Germany)

Plenary Interventions and Discussion between each panel.

Reception: Celebrating People of African Descent in Europe,

Location: European Parliament Members Restaurant, 18.00-20.00

Public reception celebrating contributions of People of African Descent and Black Europeans. Entertainment and refreshments will be served.

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Opening Remarks

Dr. Michael Privot, Director, European Network Against Racism

Heather Grabbe, Director, Open Society European Policy Institute

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Spoken Word Poet

Andreattah Chuma

Band Performance

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Tuesday, May 15

Black Lives Europe, Location: ASP3H1, 09:00-11:00

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Chairs/Rapporteurs:

- MEP Soraya Post, S&D (Sweden)
- Councillor Alisa Fleming, City Council, Croydon (UK)

Opening Remarks:

- Rokhaya Diallo, Journalist (France)
- Nick Glynn, Senior Program Officer, OSIFE (UK)
- Thomas Ndindah, Initiative in Remembrance of Oury Jalloh (Germany)
- Larry Olomoofe, Hate Crimes Expert (Poland)

Plenary Interventions and Discussion

Educating Europe, Location: PHS1C051, 15:30-17:30

This Roundtable will explore the place of People of African Descent in the European consciousness and decision-making (e.g., education systems, memory institutions). Participants will discuss how African Descendants can be more accurately portrayed and recognized in European systems of education, knowledge production, museums and other heritage institutions, including recognizing positive contributions, and histories of colonialism, enslavement, and redress.

Chairs/Rapporteurs:

- MEP Hilde Vautmans, ALDE (Belgium)
- Councillor Aminata Touré, (Germany)
- Councillor Sanchia Alasia (UK)

Keynote Address:

- Mireille Fanon-Mendès, President, Frantz Fanon Foundation (France)

Opening Remarks:

- Dr. Kehinde Andrews, Birmingham City University (UK)
- Saraya Gomis, Commissioner of Antidiscrimination in Schools; Chairwoman, EOTO (Germany)
- Assita Kone, I-Square; Africa Summer School (Italy)

Plenary Interventions and Discussion

Inclusive Digital Policy Discussion and Reception, Location: Google EU Offices, 18.00

This public discussion and reception will explore the notion of building 'inclusive digital policy'. Participants will take part in an exchange on the need for a diverse and inclusive growth of global digital platforms, the importance of representation, and discuss transatlantic initiatives combining technological advancements with an awareness of the growth of digital activism.

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Discussants:

- Rokhaya Diallo
- Dr. Mischa Thompson, U.S. Senate/Congress Helsinki Commission
- Dana Schurmans, Free University Brussels
- Sabina Ciofu, Co-organiser Young Professionals in Digital Policy
- Councillor Abena Oppong-Asare, UK

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Destination Europe – Location: PHS1C051, 09:00-11:00

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Chairs/Rapporteurs:

- MEP Jean Lambert, Greens/European Free Alliance (UK)
- Councillor Mpanzu Bamenga City Councilman (Netherlands)

Opening Remarks:

- Nuria Diez-Guardia, European Commission, DG HOME
- Omar Ba, European Network of People of African Descent (ENPAD) (Belgium)
- Hedwig Bvumburah, Director, Cross Culture International Foundation (Malta)
- Isabelle Mamadou Blanco, Regional Coordinator, Movimiento por la Paz (Spain)
- Luciano Scagliotti, Associazione Altera; Founding member ENAR (Italy)
- Aminata Kida, NIBI-Black Italians Association of Rome (Italy)

Plenary Interventions and Discussion

An EU Framework Strategy for Inclusion of People of African Descent, Location: ASP3H1, 16:00-18:00

This open forum will explore how the European Union and National governments can foster inclusion by implementing a holistic response to racism, discrimination, and inequality experienced by People of African Descent in Europe as a concluding discussion of the week's activities.

Chairs/Rapporteurs:

- MEP Claude Moraes, S&D (UK)
- Killion Munyama MP (Poland)

Overview of Week and Next Steps:

- Karen Taylor, Board member, European Network Against Racism; EOTO (Germany)

Reflections:

- Dr. Mischa Thompson, U.S. Helsinki Commission (US)
- Sarah Chander, European Network Against Racism (Belgium)
- Dr. Suzanne Mbiye Diku, Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic (Italy) and President of REDANI (Rete della Diaspora Africana Nera in Italia)
- Tatjana Peric, OSCE/ODIHR, Adviser on Combating Racism and Xenophobia, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Unit

Plenary Interventions and Discussion

Closing Remarks

Film screening Slavery Routes (2018), Location: BOZAR Brussels, 20:00

Episode 3 & 4 and discussion with filmmaker Daniel Cattier. This new series presents a global view of the history of the slave trade from the 7th Century to the present day. From the 7th century, and for more than 1,200 years, Africa was the epicentre of a gigantic trade in human beings that stretched across the globe. In all, more than 20 million Africans were deported, sold and reduced to slavery. The film addresses the fundamental question: How did Africa find itself at the heart of the slave routes?

With Daniel Cattier, Juan Gelas & Fanny Glissant
Q&A by Dorrie Wilson

*The Honorable Alcee L. Hastings
Member of the U.S. Congress*

*The Honorable Cecile Kyenge
Member of the European Parliament*

*The Honorable Killion Munyama
Member of Parliament, Poland*

*The Honorable Hannes Swoboda
Member of the European Parliament, S&D
President*

*Ambassador William Kennard
U.S. Ambassador to the European Union*

*Deputy Secretary General Maciej Popowski
European Union External Action Service*

*Secretary General Anders Johnsson
Inter-Parliamentary Union*

*The Honorable Diane Abbott
Member of Parliament, United Kingdom*

*The Honorable Barbara Lee
Member of the U.S. Congress*

*The Honorable Gregory Meeks
Member of the U.S. Congress*

*The Honorable Claude Moraes
Member of the European Parliament*

Minister George Pau-Langevin, France

*Commissioner Domenica Ghidai
The Netherlands Equal Treatment
Commission*

*Senator Vivienne Poy
Member of the Canadian Parliament*

*Senator Hassan Boussetta
Member of the Belgian Parliament*

*Minister Harlem Desir
France*

*The Honorable G.K. Butterfield
Member of the U.S. Congress*

*The Honorable Damian Dragici
Member of the European Parliament*

*The Honorable John Abraham Godson
Member of Parliament, Poland*

*Dr. Hande Bozatlı
President of the Assembly of European
Regions*

*The Honorable Gilda Cobb-Hunter
Members of the South Carolina House of
Representatives*

*The Honorable Ponka We Victors
South Kansas House of Representatives*

*The Honorable Helen Grant
Member of Parliament, United Kingdom*

*The Honorable Glyn Ford
Member of the European Parliament*

Former Minister Christiane Taubira, France

*The Honorable David Lammy
Member of Parliament, United Kingdom*

*The Honorable Gwen Moore
Member of the U.S. Congress*

Transatlantic Minority Political Leadership Conference (TMPLC)



Transatlantic Minority Political Leadership Conference (TMPLC) aims to support a network of diverse elected officials, address the underrepresentation of diverse populations in policymaking, and advance policies and initiatives in support of inclusive and equitable societies.

The TMPLC was created to support inclusive governance and has been particularly focused on the political inclusion of ethnic and racial populations in Europe and the United States. Beginning with the first meeting in 2009, the “*Black European Summit (BES): Transatlantic Dialogue on Political Inclusion*”, TMPLC events have taken place regularly since 2010 at the European Parliament in Brussels, and in the U.S. Congress in Washington D.C. Events have focused on numerous issues and activities, including: strategies for increasing diverse representation in public life; the tenth anniversary of the European Union’s Racial Equality Directive; the experience of people of African descent, Roma, Muslim, and migrant populations; immigration, national security, and anti-discrimination policies; and consideration for a European Union – United States Joint Action Plan on Equality and Inclusion. In particular, TMPLC events have identified the need for increased initiatives and opportunities for diverse youth in public life. In 2011 TMPLC participants helped found the Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network (TILN) – an annual program for diverse young elected officials and leaders committed to inclusive societies.

The TMPLC has been a catalyst for empowerment and global change:

- 2016-18, participants held a series of public briefings in the U.S. Congress, European Parliament, and Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference focused on People of African Descent in Europe
- 2015, diverse U.S. and European legislators and other leaders met in Brussels to discuss the creation of a transatlantic caucus.
- 2014, the European Parliament held its first hearing on “Afrophobia in the EU” in concert with the European Network Against Racism (ENAR) following a 2013 Helsinki Commission hearing in the U.S. Senate “Europeans of African ‘Black Europeans’: Race, Rights, and Politics.”
- 2013, MEP Hannes Swoboda, President of the Socialists and Democrats (S&D) party of the European Parliament launched the 2013 EuroPlus Initiative to ensure fair access to citizenship and rights for everyone in Europe, regardless of their nationality or origin, and particularly for the new generation of children and young people born, raised, living and studying in the EU.
- 2011, the Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network (TILN) was launched with the support of the U.S. State Department, German Marshall Fund (GMF), Open Society, in conjunction with the U.S. Helsinki Commission, TMPLC, and other stakeholders. TILN empowers diverse young leaders committed to inclusive governance. There are currently more than 100 TILN alumni representing diverse communities in leadership.

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- 2011, +15 Members of Congress and the European Parliament sent letters to Secretary Hillary Clinton and High Representative Catherine Ashton requesting a EU-U.S. Action Plan on Racial and Ethnic Equality and Inclusion modeled after Brazil and Colombia agreements.
- 2010, the Migration Policy Group developed a toolkit for mainstreaming diversity in political parties; hosted national workshops to assist diversity in political parties; and published an EU report on minority and migrant political representation.
- 2009, UN Expert on Minority Issues, Gay McDougall held a forum entitled “Minorities and Effective Political Participation” at the United Nations.
- 2009, participants of the BES: Transatlantic Dialogue on Political Inclusion adopted the Brussels Declaration stating - “recognizing the full access of racial and ethnic minorities to participate in the political sphere and relevant areas of decision making at the levels of national, regional, and locally elected government appropriate to each nation is critical to combating racism and inequality and ensuring our democratic societies.”